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***What Will H.R. 4167 Do to Your
State's Shellfish Laws?***

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Dear Colleague:

Last Thursday, during the debate on H.R. 4167, it was stated that "Shellfish are specifically excluded from the provisions of this act."

I encourage you to delve deeper before relying on this statement. As the attached fact sheet discusses, many state shellfish laws will be in jeopardy if H.R. 4167 is enacted. In determining a law's scope and effect, courts will rely upon the text of the legislation – not reassuring statements made on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Let me or my staff know if you have any questions about H.R. 4167.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress